

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 stand rejected on the grounds of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-108 of U.S. Patent No. 6,745,079 in view of Hassett (US2001/0005783), and claims 1-19 and 21-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over the combination of Bush et al (US5282845) in view of Hassett. Applicants respectfully assert that the claims as amended are unobvious. In this regard, I have been unable to find any showing or suggestion in Hassett or Bush of a distal portion that is deployed out the tip of the lead body such that the distal portion curls tightly upon itself to form a compact electrode, which is specified in claims 1 and 28 of this application, nor do I find the term "compact electrode" in claims 1-108 of U.S. Patent No. 6,745,079 other than use of the term "compact conductive electrode" in claim 108. Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at 763.505.0422 or by E-mail at steve.bauer@medtronic.com with any questions or comments.

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Respectfully submitted,



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